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Part I Total Crime

Analysis indicates that with one additional incident reported over the first two quarters of 2022 when the Part One Index total for Cambridge is compared with the same time period in 2021, no percentage change (0%) was recorded. Through June 27th of this year, there were 1,194 serious crimes reported in the City. For the same time period in 2021, the combined total for Murder, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Larceny & Auto theft was 1,193 incidents. When measured against the five-year average, an 8% increase in the crime index has been reported.

Further analysis of the crime totals for the first six months of 2022 reveals that violent crimes leaped upward 31% when compared with 2021, with 42 additional crimes counted. Property crime decreased 4% with 41 fewer crimes reported through June 27th. There were zero homicides, 21 rapes, 52 robberies and 105 aggravated assaults reported over the first half of 2022.

Two target crimes have recorded major increases this year, with street robberies bounding from 19 incidents to 42 crimes and housebreaks from 54 reports to 88 incidents, when comparing the first six months of 2022 with that of the same time frame last year. The 47% decrease in larcenies of bicycles and the 31% fall in thefts from residences when compared with the first 25 weeks of 2021 are the key trend indicators observed so far in 2022 that kept the overall crime index at a stagnant rate.

When analyzing the serious crime totals of June of 2022 versus the previous month of May, there has been a sharp incline of 35% in the number of index incidents with 64 additional crimes reported. The driving force behind the rise this month is the 153% increase in larceny from motor vehicles, with 26 additional incidents reported during June.

	4 Week Snapshot			Year to Date			Five Year	
	5/3/22 - 5/30/22	5/31/22 - 6/27/22	Change	2021	2022	Change	Avg	Change
Total Violent Crime	31	37	19%	136	178	31%	133	34%
Total Property Crime	152	210	38%	1057	1016	-4%	970	5%
Total Part I Crime	183	247	35%	1193	1194	0%	1104	8%





Part I Property Crime

Analysis of property crime totals for the first two quarters of 2022 reveals a 4% decline when measured against the 2021 totals and a 5% bounce above the five-year average, with 41 fewer incidents below the total for the first six months of last year and 46 crimes above the forecasted number of 970.

Two of the major property crime categories recorded significant declines when measured against the first six months of 2021. Primarily, there has been a 47% reduction in larceny of bicycles, which is down 133 incidents from the high total of 284 bike thefts through the first half of 2021. Larceny from the residence also registered a sharp drop of 31% for the first half of the year.

	4 Week Snapshot		Year to Date			<u>Five Year</u>		
	5/3/22 - 5/30/22	5/31/22 - 6/27/22	Change	2021	2022	Change	Avg	Change
Burglary	12	18	50%	95	110	16%	98	12%
Commercial Break	5	2	-60%	41	22	-46%	30	-27%
Housebreak	7	16	129%	54	88	63%	68	29%
Larceny	126	174	38%	911	842	-8%	828	2%
Larceny (Misc)	6	7	17%	24	36	50%	19	89%
Larceny from Building	14	27	93%	61	112	84%	92	22%
Larceny from MV	17	43	153%	202	209	3%	160	31%
Larceny from Person	7	11	57%	43	53	23%	55	-4%
Larceny from Residence	29	15	-48%	192	133	-31%	159	-16%
Larceny of Bicycle	28	41	46%	284	151	-47%	195	-23%
Larceny of Plate	1	6	500%	12	13	8%	10	30%
Larceny of Services	3	0	-100%	2	9	350%	5	80%
Shoplifting	21	24	14%	91	126	38%	132	-5%
Auto Theft	14	18	29%	51	64	25%	45	42%
Total Property Crime	152	210	38%	1057	1016	-4%	970	5%





Part I Violent Crime

From January 1st to June 27th of 2022, there were 178 violent crimes recorded in Cambridge, 42 more (+31%) than the first two quarters of 2021, and 45 additional violent crimes (+34%) above the 133 incidents forecasted for the first six months of the year.

There were 21 rapes recorded in Cambridge during the first six months of 2022, while there were 12 reported during the same time period in 2021. The trend observed during Covid of a high percentage of aggravated assaults occurring in Central Square and peripheral side streets has continued in 2022 with 36 of the 105 citywide reports occurring in this area. The street robbery total has ascended from 19 incidents over the first six months of 2021 to 42 (+121%) through June 27th of 2022. This total is also 20 incidents above the forecasted total of 22 street robberies for this time period.

The last murder in Cambridge took place on March 27th, 2021. In that incident, a fatal shooting occurred at approximately 12:40 a.m. on Pemberton Street. The victim was reportedly located unconscious outside his vehicle by a passerby who called 911. The victim was transported to Mount Auburn Hospital where he later died. The victim has been identified as Xavier Louis-Jacques, 19, of Cambridge. The investigation is ongoing.

	4 Week Snapshot		Year to Date			Five Year		
	5/3/22 - 5/30/22	5/31/22 - 6/27/22	Change	2021	2022	Change	Avg	Change
Homicide	0	0	IN-CALC	1	0	IN-CALC	1	-100%
Rape	2	6	200%	12	21	75%	11	91%
Robbery	9	5	-44%	26	52	100%	30	73%
Commercial Robbery	2	1	-50%	7	10	43%	9	11%
Street Robbery	7	4	-43%	19	42	121%	22	91%
Aggravated Assault	20	26	30%	97	105	8%	92	14%
Total Violent Crime	31	37	19%	136	178	31%	133	34%



MURDER

No Patterns

- There has not been a murder recorded in Cambridge during the first two quarters of 2022.
- Fifteen months ago, on Saturday 3/27/21, there was a fatal shooting that occurred at approximately 12:40 a.m. on Pemberton Street. The victim was reportedly located unconscious outside his vehicle by a passerby who called 911. The victim was transported to Mount Auburn Hospital where he later died. The victim has been identified as Xavier Louis-Jacques, 19, of Cambridge. The investigation is ongoing. Zero murders have been reported in Cambridge since this incident.
- On April 23, 2020, Jose Bermudez was arrested for the fatal daylight stabbing of 33-year-old Danilo Perez in Central Square on April 14. Bermudez and Perez were both part of the homeless community and were known to each other. Bermudez is being held without bail. This was the first homicide reported in Cambridge since January of 2019 and it ended up being the only homicide recorded in 2020.
- There was one murder in Cambridge in 2019. The Middlesex DA's Office and the Cambridge Police are asking for public assistance regarding the ongoing investigation into the fatal incident that occurred in the New Street area of Danehy Park around 6:30PM on the night of January 2nd, 2019. This incident is being investigated as a homicide. The preliminary investigation suggests that the victim, 60-year-old Paul Wilson, died as a result of blunt force trauma and that robbery does not appear to have been the motive.

Percent Change*

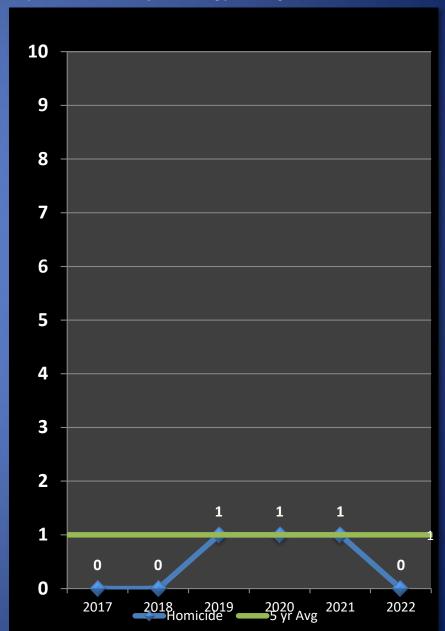
Last 4 Weeks Previous Year

0% -100%

-100%

5-Year Average

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RAPE

No Patterns

- There were 21 rapes reported in Cambridge during the first two quarters of 2022, while there were 12 incidents reported through June 27th in 2021. The 21 rapes so far in 2022 have been categorized as nine acquaintance incidents, five blitz scenarios, three domestic incidents, three contact assaults, and a home invasion. One of the blitz incidents did result in an arrest.
- Final counts indicate that there were 36
 rapes reported in 2021, nine more than were
 reported in 2020. That total was also nine
 incidents above the five-year average of 27
 crimes.
- The sexual assaults in 2021 were classified as 11 domestic situations, 17 involving acquaintances as the predator, five contact incidents, and three blitz scenarios that remain under investigation.
- The total number of reported rapes tends to fluctuate from year to year, but the number of stranger-to-stranger rapes reported each year in Cambridge—typically between one and five—remains extremely low.

Percent Change*

Last 4 Weeks Previous Year

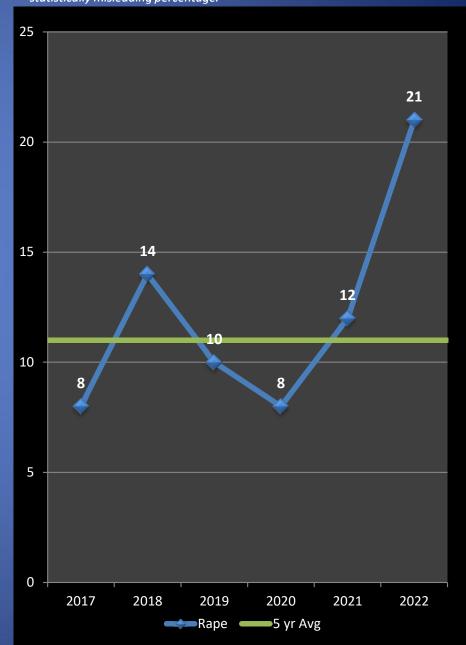
+200%

+75%

+91%

5-Year Average

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AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

No Patterns

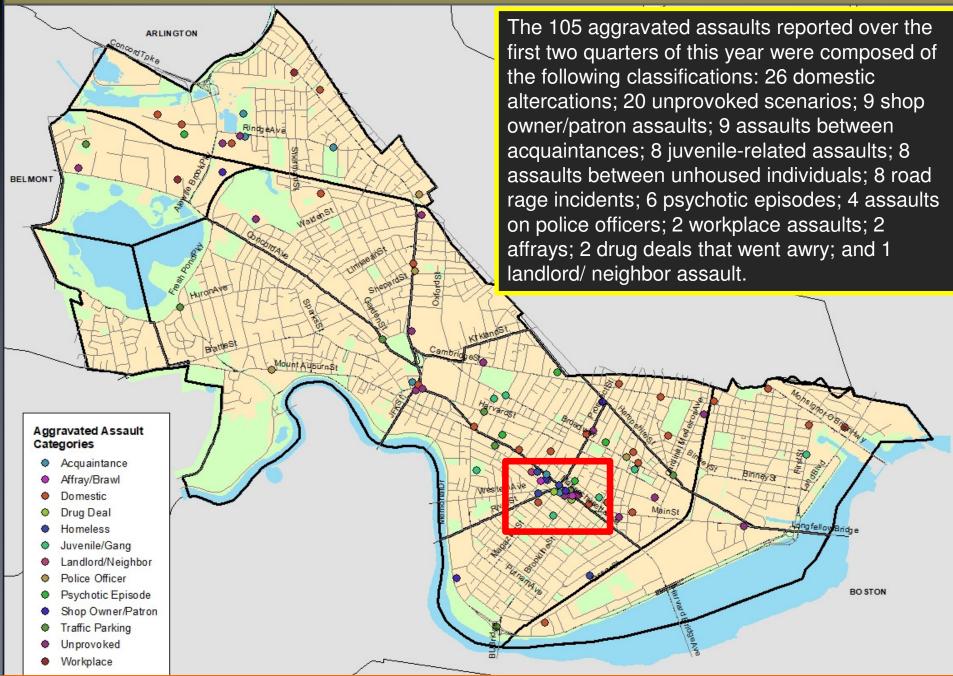
- The total of 105 aggravated assaults reported through June 27th of 2022 is eight crimes (+8%) above the total for the first six months of 2021, and 13 incidents (+14%) above the forecast of 92 crimes for the fiveyear average.
- The 105 aggravated assaults reported over the first two quarters of this year were composed of the following classifications: 26 domestic altercations; 20 unprovoked scenarios; 9 shop owner/patron assaults; 9 assaults between acquaintances; 8 juvenile-related assaults; 8 assaults between unhoused individuals; 8 road rage incidents; 6 psychotic episodes; 4 assaults on police officers; 2 workplace assaults; 2 affrays; 2 drug deals that went awry; and 1 landlord/ neighbor assault.
- The trend observed during the Covid period of a high percentage of aggravated assaults occurring in and around the periphery of Central Square has continued in 2022 with 36 of the 105 citywide reports in this area.
- There have been five confirmed shots fired incidents in Cambridge through June 27, 2022, none of which resulted in gunshot wounds. Through the same time period in 2021, there were two shots fired incidents and four shootings with injuries reported in Cambridge (including the last recorded homicide). See map on slide 10 for more info.







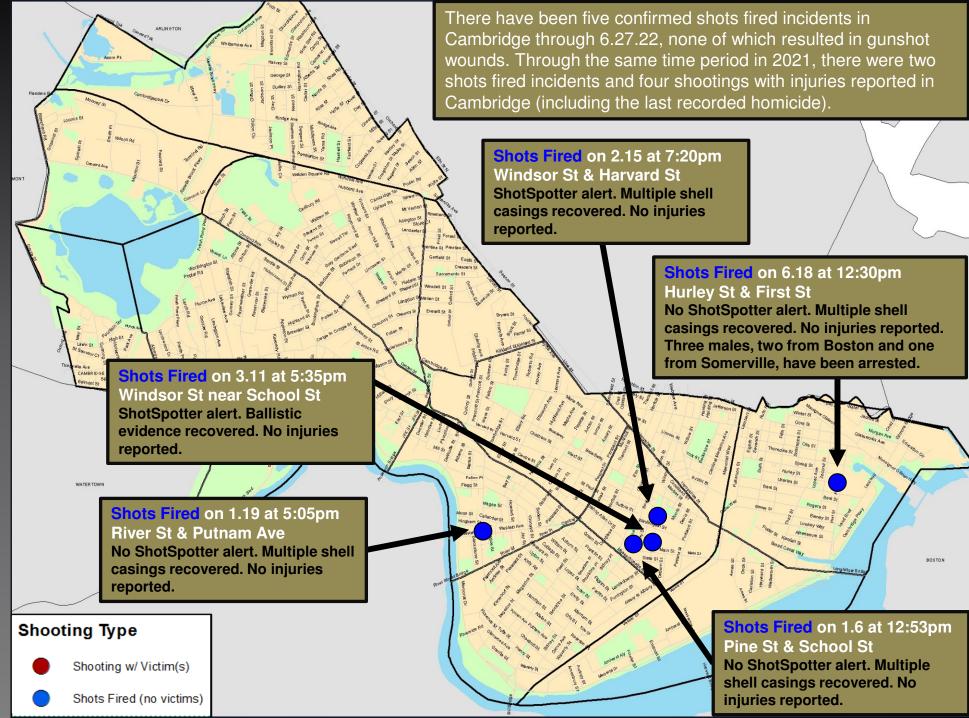
Geographic Breakdown of Aggravated Assault: 1.1.22 – 6.27.22



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Confirmed Shots Fired and Shootings in Cambridge: 1.1.22 – 6.27.22





Robbery

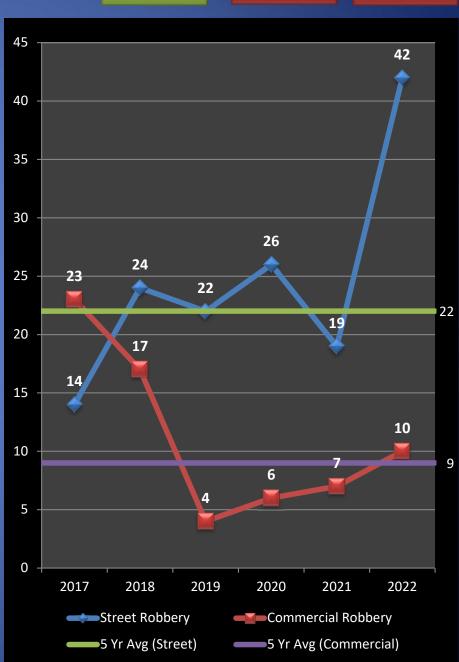
No Patterns

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks Previous Year 5-Year Average

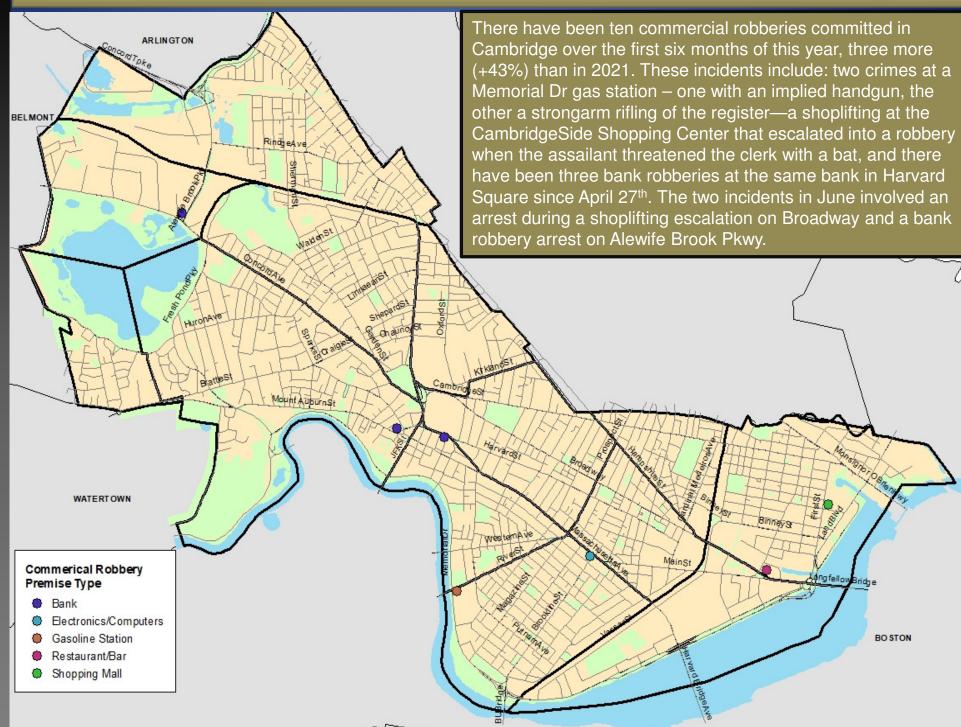
+100% +73%

- The five-year average for overall robbery in Cambridge for the first six months of the year is 30 incidents.
 Through June 27th of 2022, 52 robberies were recorded, which translates to a 73% increase above the projected total and a 100% spike above the 26 robberies counted during the first two quarters of 2021.
- There have been ten commercial robberies committed in Cambridge over the first six months of this year, three more (+43%) than in 2021. These incidents include: two crimes at a Memorial Drive gas station one with an implied handgun, the other a strongarm rifling of the register—a shoplifting at the CambridgeSide Shopping Center that escalated into a robbery when the assailant threatened the clerk with a bat, and there have been three bank robberies at the same bank in Harvard Square since April 27th. The two incidents in June involved an arrest during a shoplifting escalation on Broadway and a bank robbery arrest on Alewife Brook Pkwy.
- The street robbery total vaulted from 19 incidents over the first six months of last year to 42 (+121%) through June 27th of 2022. This total is also 20 incidents above the forecasted total of 22 street robberies for the first two quarters of the year. Twenty-five of these street robberies have been concentrated in and around the periphery of Central Square, with the predominant scenario involving a few predatory suspects stealing cell phones/personal belongings from unhoused individuals around the Square. This continues a trend that emerged over the last few months of 2021. Otherwise, no discernable patterns have emerged with this increase.



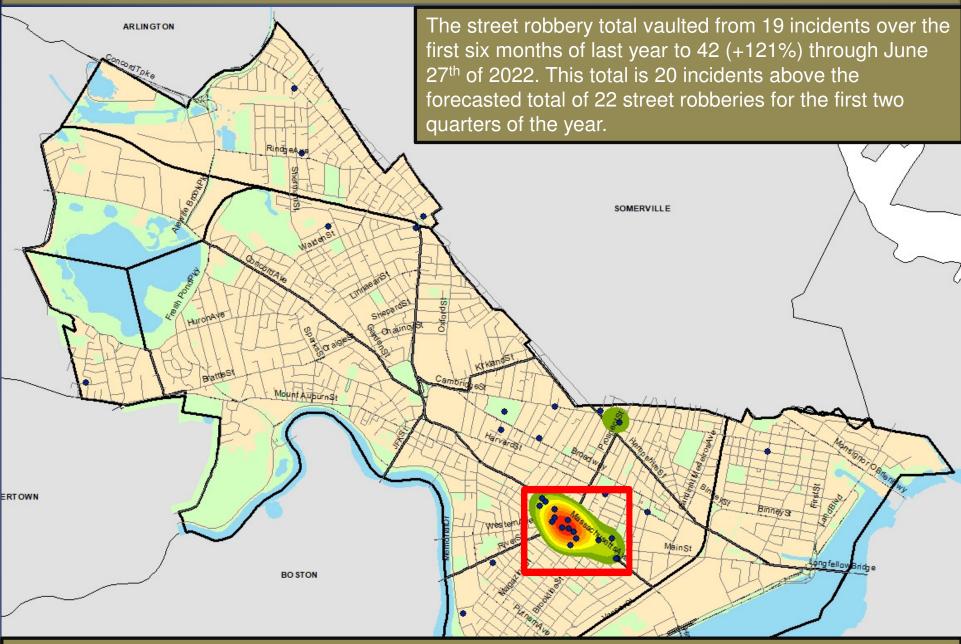


Geographic Breakdown of Commercial Robbery: 1.1.22 – 6.27.22





Geographic Breakdown of Street Robberies: 1.1.22 – 6.27.22



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Burglary

No Patterns

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks Pi

Previous Year

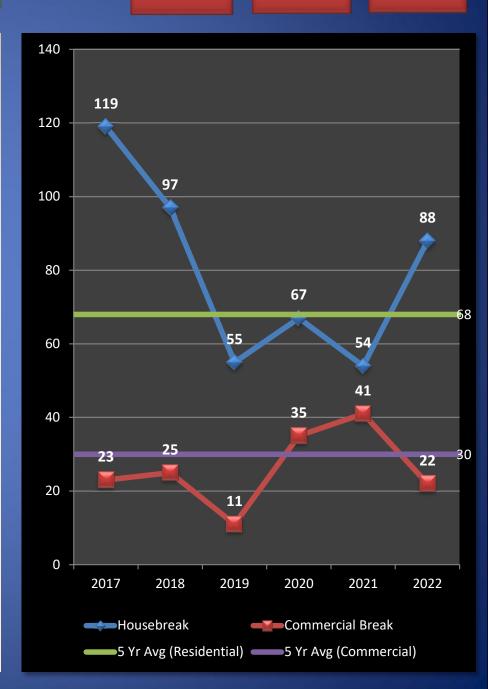
5-Year Average

+50%

+16%

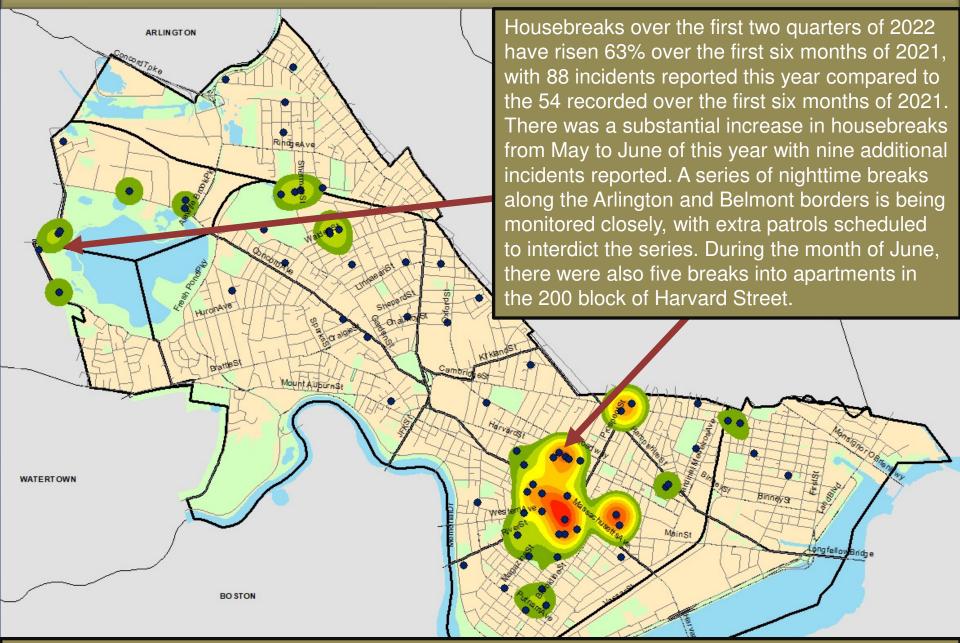
+12%

- The property index crime of burglary, the combination of residential and commercial breaks, has recorded a measurable increase of 12% during the first six months of 2022 when compared to the five-year average, with 12 additional incidents reported above the projected total of 98 breaks. When compared with last year's total of 95 incidents through June 27th, a 16% increase has been registered (up 15 incidents in 2022).
- Housebreaks over the first two quarters of 2022 have risen 63% over the same time period in 2021, with 88 incidents reported this year compared to the 54 recorded over the first two quarters of 2021. There was a substantial increase in housebreaks from May to June of this year with nine additional incidents reported. A series of nighttime breaks along the Arlington and Belmont borders is being monitored closely, with extra patrols scheduled to interdict the series.
- There have been 22 commercial breaks reported in the first six months of 2022, which is eight incidents (-27%) below the 30 crimes forecasted for the first two quarters. After nearly 18 months registering increases during the Covid period, this target crime is registering a decrease of 46% below last year's total through June 27th, with 19 fewer incidents.





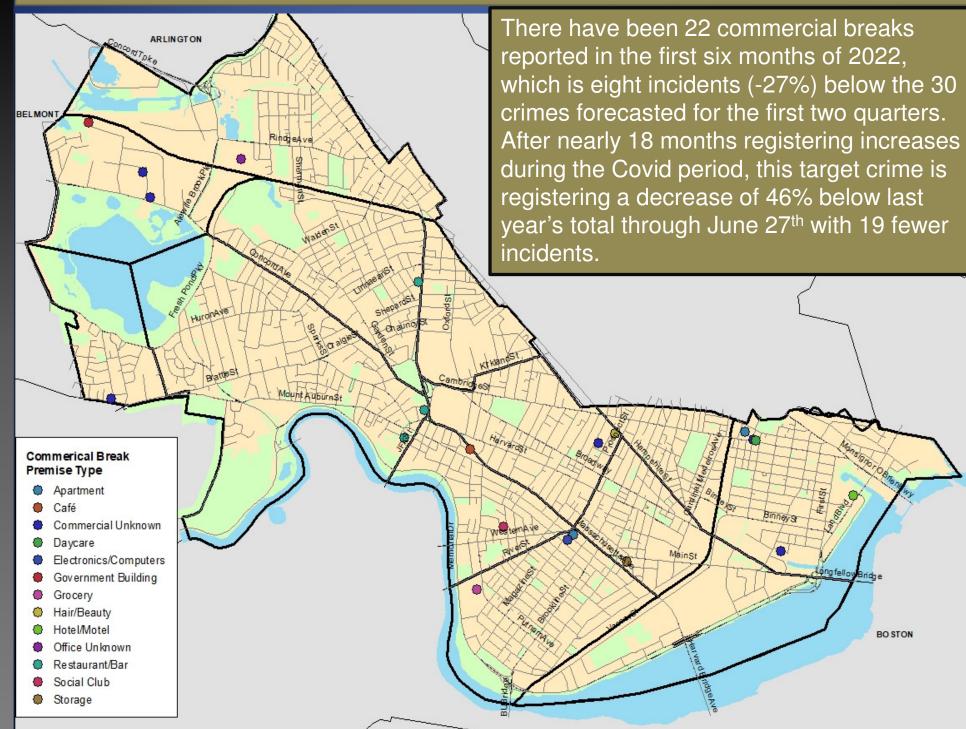
Geographic Breakdown of Housebreaks: 1.1.22 – 6.27.22



The highest concentration of housebreaks has been in the neighborhoods on the periphery of Central Square: Cambridgeport, Mid-Cambridge, the Port and Riverside, with the majority of these incidents occurring during February and March. Close to 63% of the housebreaks over the first six months of the year were committed in the lower half of the City below Harvard Square.



Geographic Breakdown of Commercial Breaks: 1.1.22 – 6.27.22





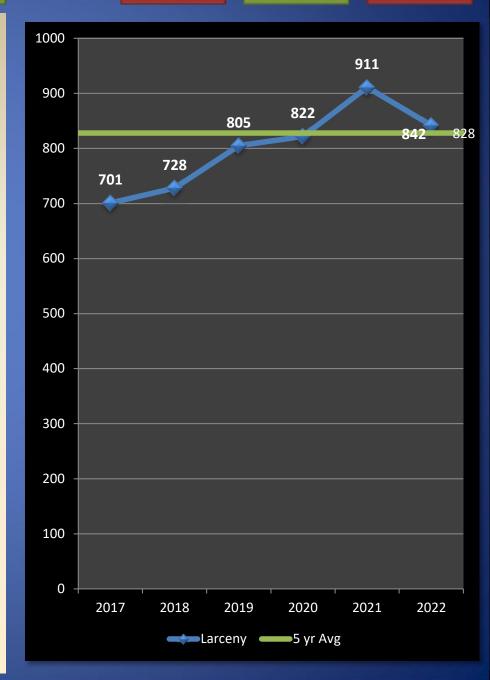
LARCENY

Sporadic Pattern

- Preliminary stats indicate that overall larceny in 2022 is registering at 842 incidents, 8% below the same time frame in 2021. The total larcenies reported year-to-date in 2022 is 2% above the 5-year average of 828 incidents.
- The larceny from motor vehicle total through June 27^{th,} 2022, is 209 incidents, which is 3% above the same time frame in 2021. The 209 thefts reported represent an increase of 49 incidents (+31%) above the number forecasted for 2022. Much of this upsurge can be attributed to the continuing trend of catalytic converter thefts.
- Through June 27th, 2022, there were 53 larcenies from the person reported in Cambridge, up ten incidents (23%) over the same time period in 2021. The 2022 total is down 4% from the 5-year average of 55, likely due to lingering effects from the pandemic. Central Sq has seen the most activity this year with 29 incidents.
- There were 112 larcenies from buildings reported through the first six months of 2022. This total is 84% (51 incidents) above the same time frame in 2021 and is 20 incidents (22%) above the 5-year average. There has been a series of thefts from lockers at a gym near Porter Sq this year. Despite an arrest, these incidents have continued. With gyms and other buildings open to the public again in 2022, it is expected that we will continue to see an increase in this activity when compared to the past two years.
- Larcenies from residences are down 59 incidents (-31%) in 2022 when compared with 2021. Package thefts made up the majority of this crime in recent years and registered even higher than average in 2020 and 2021, likely due to the increased volume of deliveries during the pandemic. Package thefts have accounted for 78 (or 59%) of the 133 larcenies from residences thus far in 2022.
- Larceny of bicycles is typically one of the major property crimes in the city. However, currently there have only been 151 bike thefts reported in 2022, which is 47% less than the same time frame in 2021. Bike thefts are also down 23% (44 thefts) below the five-year average.

Percent Change







LARCENY From MV

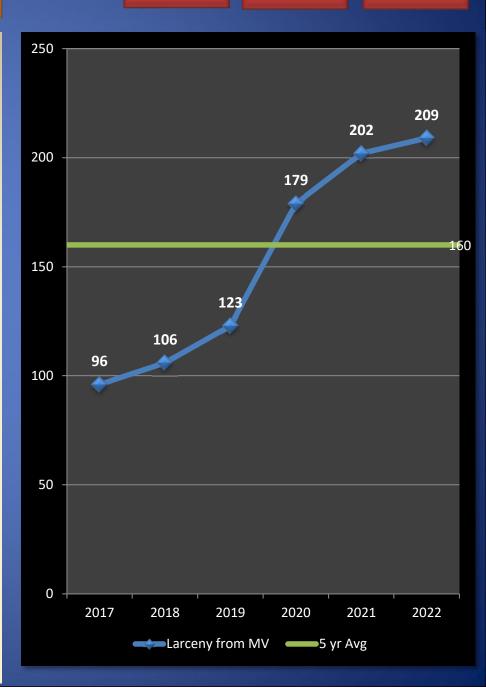
Sporadic Pattern

• The larceny from motor vehicle total through June 27^{th,} 2022, is 209 incidents, which is 3% above the total for the same time period in 2021. The 209 thefts from cars reported thus far in 2022 also indicates an increase of 49 crimes (+31%) above the number forecasted through the first 25 weeks of 2022. Comparing the last four weeks to the previous four, there has been a significant increase in larcenies from motor vehicles with 26 more reported (+153%). This increase is due to 21 catalytic converters being reported stolen during this time frame.

- The neighborhoods with the highest larceny from motor vehicle totals so far in 2022 are: North Cambridge (32), Peabody and West Cambridge (28 each), and Mid Cambridge (26).
- Catalytic converter thefts became a problem in Cambridge when a series of thefts were reported by residents primarily in the Cambridgeport neighborhood in January of 2021. Surges continued sporadically throughout the year with the pattern resurfacing over the final two months of 2021. In 2022, catalytic converter thefts have continued with an additional 80 incidents reported. The majority of the catalytic converter thefts in Cambridge have involved 2004-2009 Toyota Priuses, along with a few Honda Elements and CR-Vs. The highest concentrations in 2022 have been in the northern part of Cambridge, the periphery of Central Sq, and East Cambridge—see the map on the next slide for a visual interpretation.

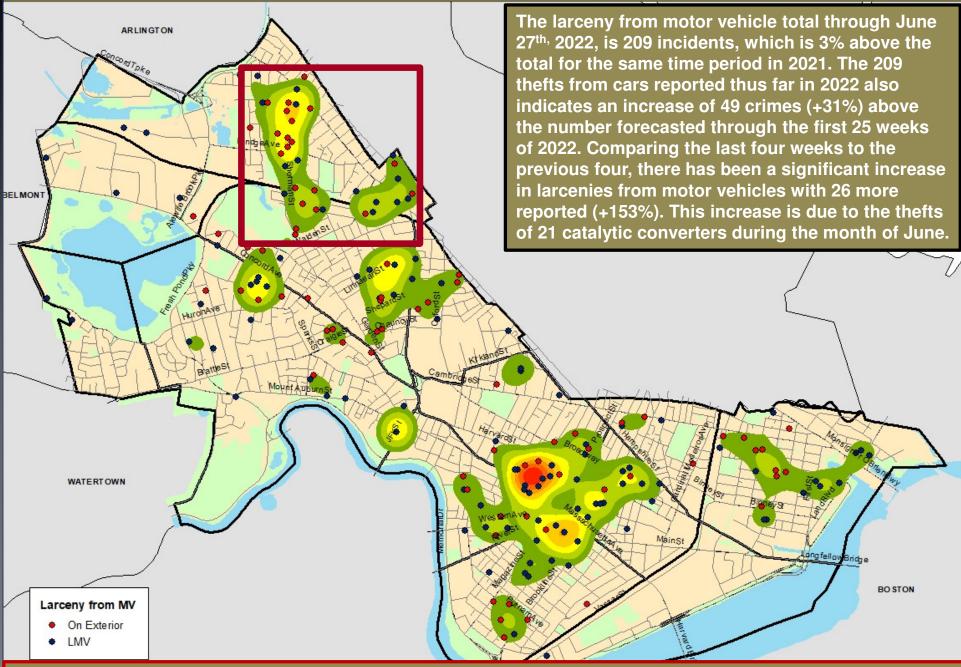
Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks Previous Year 5-Year Average +153% +3% +31%





Geographic Breakdown of Larceny from Motor Vehicles: 1.1.22 – 6.27.22



Catalytic converter thefts became a problem in Cambridge in January of 2021. Surges continued sporadically throughout the year with the pattern resurfacing over the final two months of 2021. In 2022, an additional 80 catalytic converter thefts have been reported, with a large concentration in North Cambridge, Mid-Cambridge and East Cambridge.



LARCENY from Person No Patterns

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks Previous Year

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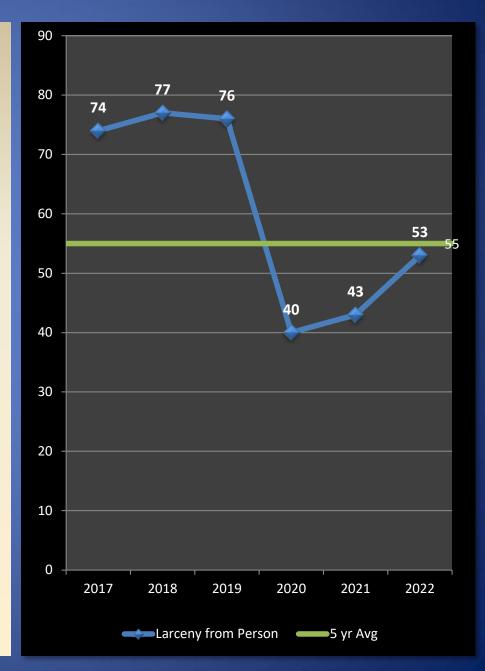
5-Year Average

+57%

+23%

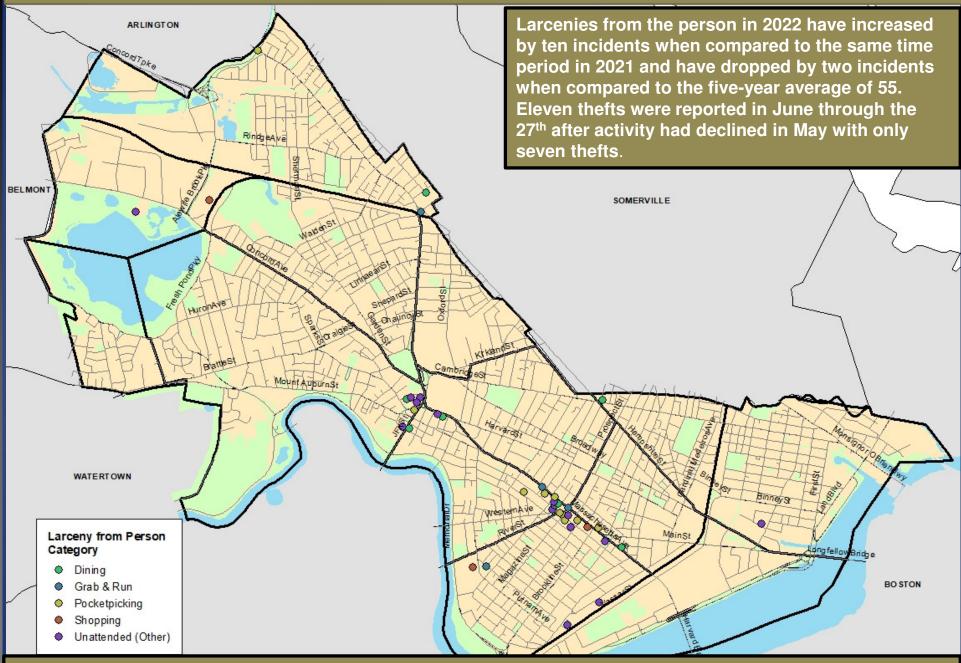
-4%

- Larcenies from the person in 2022 have increased by ten incidents when compared to the same time period in 2021 and have dropped by two incidents when compared to the five-year average of 55.
 Eleven thefts were reported in June through the 27th after activity had declined in May with only seven thefts.
- Twenty-nine of the 53 incidents this year have taken place in Central Square. Until March, there had not been a larceny from the person reported at all in Harvard Square. However, this business district now accounts for nine larcenies from the person in 2022 (none reported in May). The others took place throughout the city, with Porter Square registering six thefts and Cambridgeport/Riverside recording three. The numbers citywide have been trending upward as COVID-related closures and restrictions have been lifted and people are out and about again.
- In recent years, higher numbers in Central Sq have mainly been due to grab-and-run situations or incidents that involved individuals who are unhoused whose property may have been stolen while they were asleep or otherwise distracted. In 2022, pocket-picking and unattended items have accounted for 22 of the 29 incidents in Central Square.





Geographic Breakdown Larceny from Person: 1.1.22 – 6.27.22



Central Sq accounts for the highest number of larcenies from the person at 29, while Harvard Sq, which had yet to report a larceny from the person in 2022 until March, now records 9 incidents. People resuming pre-pandemic activities could contribute to an increase in larcenies from the person in 2022 compared to the last couple of years.

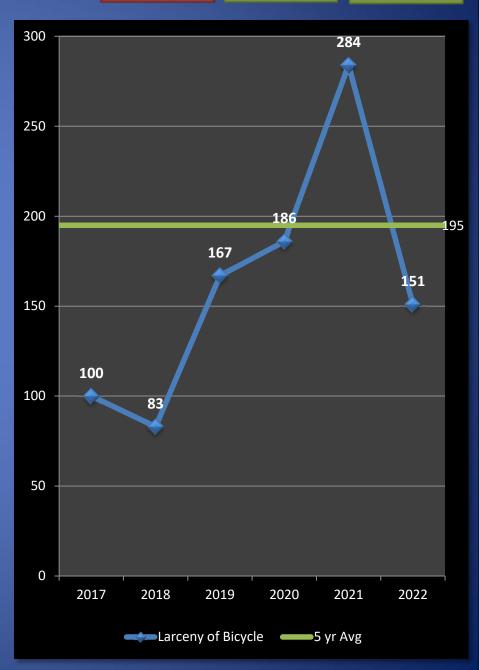


LARCENY of Bicycle

- **Previous Year Last 4 Weeks** No Patterns -47% +46%
- Likely due at least in part to the colder weather and snow this year, 2022 started off with a sharp decline in bike thefts. This has, surprisingly, continued as only 151 thefts have been reported through June 27th, 2022, leading to a significant 47% decrease below last year and a 23% decline below the 5-year average.
- June did see an increase over May with 13 more bike thefts reported (+46%). This increase is expected to continue over the summer as bike ridership increases during the warmer months.
- So far in 2022, around 40% (or 61 of the 151) of the thefts reported citywide have occurred north/west of Harvard Square.
- Of the 151 bike thefts reported year-to-date in 2022, 120 (79%) were reportedly locked at the time of the theft.

Top Neighborhoods for Bike Thefts in 2022

Neighborhood	YTD Total	% Citywide
Cambridgeport	28	19%
Peabody	20	13%
North Cambridge	18	12%
The Port	16	11%
East Cambridge	16	11%



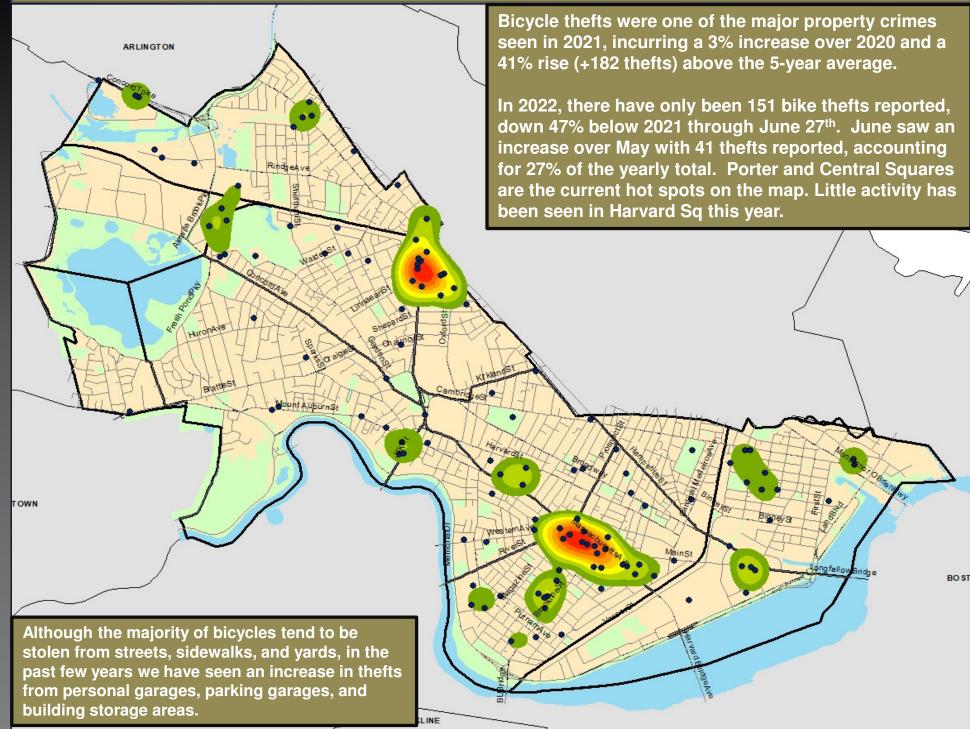
Percent Change

5-Year Average

-23%



Geographic Breakdown of Larceny of Bicycles: 1.1.22 – 6.27.22



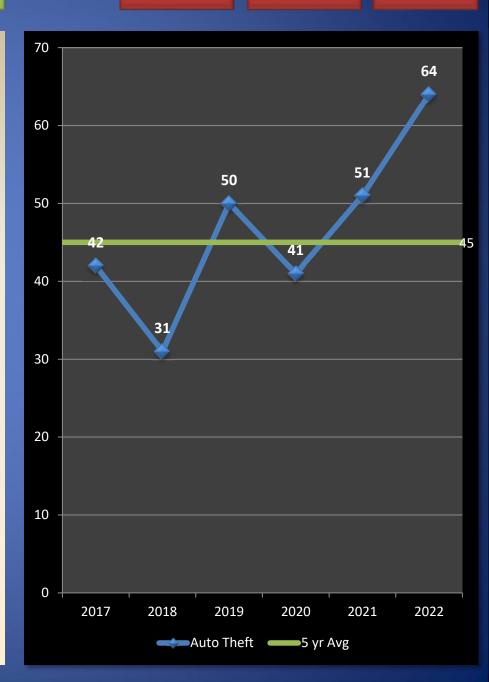


AUTO THEFT

No Patterns

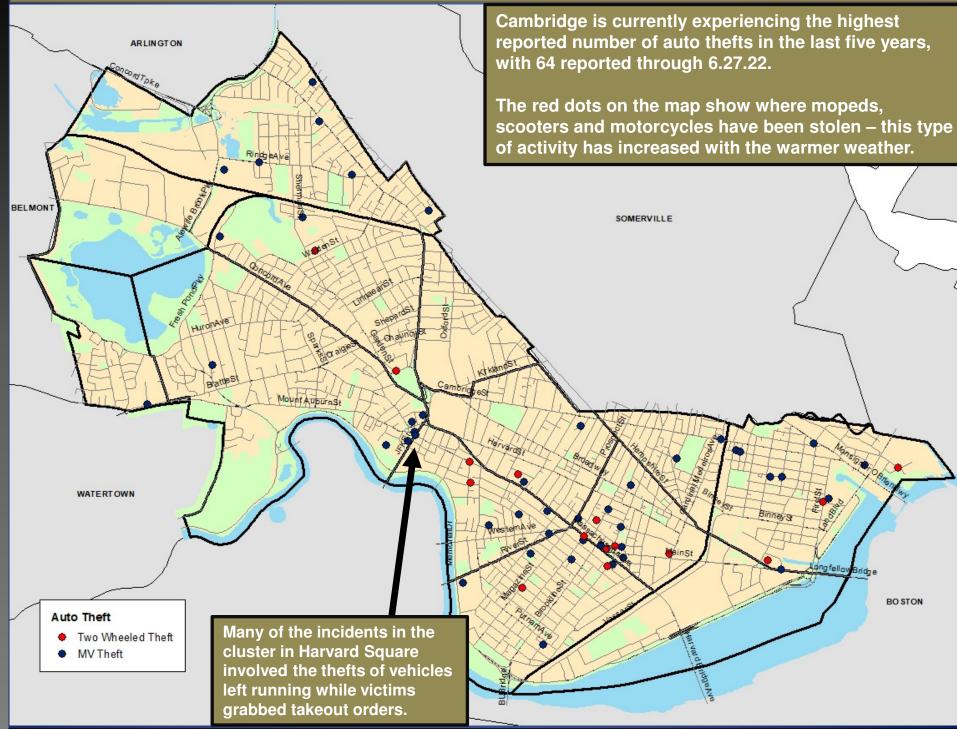
- The projected 5-year weighted average for auto thefts through June 27th of 2022 is 45, and with 64 reported in 2022, we have experienced an increase of 42% over the expected total thus far this year. Auto thefts in 2022 are also up 25% over last year, with 13 additional incidents reported.
- When comparing the most recent four weeks (June) to the previous four weeks (May), auto thefts have increased by four, with 18 reported in June. Multiple two-wheeled vehicles have been stolen in the past month with the warmer weather.
- This year, there have been multiple thefts reported where the operator left the vehicle unlocked and running in order to deliver a package or grab food. When the victim returned, the vehicle was gone. Two juveniles were arrested in February, believed to be responsible for at least two such thefts out of Harvard Square.
- The neighborhood breakdown for auto theft totals thus far in 2022 is as follows: The Port -12; East Cambridge 11; Cambridgeport 10; Riverside 8; North Cambridge and West Cambridge 6 each; Peabody 5; Mid-Cambridge 3; Inman/ Harrington 2; and Strawberry Hill 1.
- Nineteen of the 64 vehicles reported stolen in 2022 have been recovered to date.







Geographic Breakdown of Auto Thefts: 1.1.22 – 6.27.22





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- Send an Anonymous Crime Tip E-Mail at www.CambridgePolice.org/Tips